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TO AMEMBASSY PARAMARIBO

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FOLLOWING SECSTATE 176692 SENT ACTION KINGSTON JULY 16;
REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT STATE 176692, SENT KINGSTON 16 JULY:
QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, JM

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON ALCOA PAYMENTS ABROAD

FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR USE BY DEPARTMENT PRESS
SPOKESMAN JULY 16:

QUOTE Q: CAN THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONFIRM THE STORY THAT
THE COUNTRY INVOLVED IN THE ALCOA CASE IS JAMAICA AND THAT
THE AMBASSADOR INVOLVED IS DE ROULET?

A: YES. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE DEPART-
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MENT, THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THE ALLEGED PAYMENT TOOK PLACE
WAS JAMAICA. THE TIME THE ALLEGED PAYMENT IS SAID TO HAVE
TAKEN PLACE WAS DURING THE PERIOD THAT VINCENT DE ROULET
WAS THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR IN JAMAICA. AMBASSADOR
DE ROULET DIED IN 1975.

(FYI: IF PRESSED ON THE SOURCE, YOU MAY SAY ;HAT ALCOA
VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED THIS INFORMATION TO THE SEC, AND TO
THE DEPARTMENT. END FYI)

Q: IS WHAT DE ROULET DID ILLEGAL?

A: OUR INFORMATION ON WHAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS ALLEGED TO
HAVE DONE IS INCOMPLETE AND IMPRECISE. WE ARE CONTINUING
TO EXAMINE THE MATTER.

Q: CAN YOU ADD ANYTHING TO WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT STATE'S
KNOWLEDGE OF THE AMBASSADOR'S ACTIONS?

A: WE ARE CHECKING ALL AVAILABLE FILES TO SEE IF WE HAD
ANY INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT AT THE TIME THE EVENTS
WERE ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED. AS OF NOW, WE HAVE NOT
FOUND ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER.

Q: HAVE WE TOLD THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT OF THIS MATTER?

A: YES, WE ARE KEEPING THE GOJ INFORMED.

Q: WHAT IS THE GOJ'S REACTION?

A: WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT YET.

Q: HAS STATE REFERRED THE MATTER TO OTHER APPROPRIATE
AGENCIES OR TO CONGRESS?

A: WE ARE STILL ENGAGED IN CLARIFYING THE FACTS AND
CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED. UNQUOTE KISSINGER UNQUOTE
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